

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The drawings have been revised in accordance with the Examiner's requirement.

Claims 5, 17 and 29 have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Claim 5 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Intervening claim 2 has not been incorporated into claim 1 because the limitation recited therein is not necessary to define the invention patentably over the prior art. Thus, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 17 has been incorporated into independent claim 13. Intervening claim 14 has not been incorporated into claim 1 because the limitation recited therein is not necessary to define the invention patentably over the prior art. Thus, claim 13 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 29 has been incorporated into independent claim 26 upon which it was directly dependent. Thus, claim 29 is now in condition for allowance.

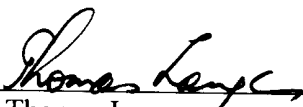
Claims 11, 23 and 32 have also been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Each of these claims has been rewritten in independent form and, thus, is in condition for allowance.

Each of the remaining claims is dependent, either directly or indirectly, on an allowable claim and, therefore, is allowable as well.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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